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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TRAORE SETS ROLE FOR MILITARY IN NEW PARTY

1. PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE, IN ARMY DAY ADDRESS TO MALIAN PEOPLE, JANUARY 20, CONFIRMED ROLE OF MILITARY IN MALI'S NEW POLITICAL STRUCTURE AND PROMISED TO ESTABLISH PARTY CELLS AT LOCAL LEVEL IN 1978.

2. SPEECH, WHICH MARKED ANNIVERSARY OF DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN (FRENCH) TROOPS FROM MALIAN SOIL JANUARY 20, 1961, DESCRIBED MALIAN SOLDIER AS SERVANT OF PEOPLE DETERMINED TO MERIT PEOPLE'S CONTINUED CONFIDENCE. LIKE OTHER MALIANS, SAID PRESIDENT, MILITARY MEN ARE CITIZENS AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL LIFE WAS BOTH GOOD AND NECESSARY. MALIAN MILITARY COULD NOT CONCRETELY AND FULLY MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR COUNTRY IF THEY WERE

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EXCLUDED FROM POLITICAL LIFE. BUT PRESIDENT ALSO WARNED MILITARY AGAINST PRIDE OF POSITION AND UNIFORM AND SAID THAT IN TAKING HIS LEGITIMATE PLACE IN POLITICAL LIFE OF COUNTRY, EACH SOLDIER MUST DEMONSTRATE GREATEST HUMILITY AND DEVOTION.

3. PRESIDENT ALSO PROMISED THAT LOCAL CELLS OF UNION DEMOCRATIQUE DU PEUPLE MALIEN (UDPM) WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FROM VILLAGE UP TO

ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL OF ARRONDISSEMENT DURING THIS YEAR. MEMBERS OF THE RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION (CMLN) WOULD SOON VISIT REGIONS TO SET OPERATION IN MOTION.

4. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE SEPCULATION AMONG INFORMED MALIANS ABOUT SUPPOSED SPLIT IN CMLN REGARDING ROLE OF MILITARY IN FUTURE POLITICAL STRUCTURE. PRESIDENT HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT CMLN WOULD BE DISSOLVED WHEN NEW PARTY FULLY ESTABLISHED. MANY MALIANS FELT THAT PRESIDENT HIMSELF, IN CONTRAST TO OTHER CMLN MEMBERS, WAS COMMITTED TO RETURN OF MILITARY TO BARRACKS AND RESTORATION OF COMPLETELY CIVILIAN POLITICAL STRUCTURE. IT IS NOW REPEAT NOW CLEAR TO ALL THAT MILITARY WILL FORMULATE ROLE FOR THEMSELVES WITHIN A NEW POLITICAL FRAMEWORK.  
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